

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated May 11, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §112

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite. These claims have been canceled without prejudice, rendering the rejections of these claims moot.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(a) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,961,604 (Anderson). These claims have been canceled without prejudice, rendering the rejections of these claims moot. Applicants have included new claims 21-47 with this response and respectfully assert that these new claims are patentable over Anderson.

Anderson discusses status monitoring systems for cable television signal distribution networks. The network may include CATVs 28, that may be uninterruptible power supplies (UPSs), and a management device 38 for managing the UPSs 28. The management device 38 is configured to collect status information for the UPSs 28 and to provide status information regarding the UPSs 28 individually (FIGS. 7-8; Col. 5, lines 7-28). There is no teaching or suggestion that status data from multiple UPSs 28 is aggregated by the management device 38. Indeed, Anderson teaches away from such a configuration by discussing that different devices have different status information monitored and that the device 38 therefore uses different displays for different devices (FIGS. 7-8; Col. 5, lines 20-28).

Claims 21 and 22 are not anticipated by, or obvious in view of, Anderson. Independent claim 21 recites a UPS manager for managing UPS systems where the UPS manager includes an engine configured to aggregate inventory information and/or status information from the UPS systems. Anderson, however, explicitly teaches away from aggregating status information of the UPSs 28 monitored by its management device 38 and implicitly teaches away from aggregating inventory information (FIGS. 7-8; Col. 5, lines 20-28). Furthermore, claim 21 recites that the UPS manager includes a storage medium that stores inventory information and/or status information for each of the UPS systems. The Examiner refers to a database 120 as teaching the recited storage medium of claim 21, citing Col. 4, lines 33-40 and col. 6, lines 2-6 of Anderson.


Anderson's database 120, however, resides in the UPS 28 and not the management device 38 while claim 21 recites that the storage medium resides in a UPS manager that can be coupled through a computer network to the UPS. For at least these reasons, independent claim 21 and claim 22, that depends from claim 21, are patentable over Anderson.

Independent claim 23, and its dependent claims, are also not anticipated by, or obvious in view of, Anderson. Claim 23 recites a method of managing UPS systems where the method includes aggregating and storing UPS system information including inventory information and/or status information. As discussed above, Anderson teaches away from aggregating status information or inventory information. Thus, for at least these reasons, independent claim 23, and claims 24-38 that depend directly or indirectly from claim 23, are patentable over Anderson.

Independent claim 39, and its dependent claims, are also not anticipated by, or obvious in view of, Anderson. Claim 39 recites a system for managing UPS systems where the managing system includes means for aggregating and storing UPS system information including inventory information and/or status information. As discussed above, Anderson teaches away from aggregating status information or inventory information. Thus, for at least these reasons, independent claim 39, and claims 40-47 that depend directly from claim 39, are patentable over Anderson.

Based on the foregoing, this application is believed to be in allowable condition, and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to call the Applicants' Attorney at the number provided below with any questions.

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